

## 2006 Art Competition General Guidelines

- The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades in one building.
- In order to allow an artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are necessary:
  - o Piece must be two-dimensional
  - o No larger than 30 in by 30 in to the outside of the frame
  - o No more than 4 inches in depth
- Artwork categories are as follows:
  - o Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - o Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
  - o Collage: must be two-dimensional
  - o Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - o Mixed media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
  - o Computer generated art
  - o Photography
- Each entry must be an original in concept, design and execution.
- All artwork, except for oil paintings, must be protected by a plexiglas or glass frame.
- Frames should be kept as simple and sturdy as possible. Metal frames are recommended.
- No "snap on" frames with glass are to be used.
- Plexiglas is better to use than glass over the artwork in order to avoid breakage.
- Matting can enhance or detract from a work of art and should be carefully prepared.

- Use sturdy picture hangers. Two hooks should be attached at the right and the left sides of the back of the work in order to prevent the work from leaning forward or hanging unevenly.
- Since frames will be suspended by wire from overhead molding, please do not put wire between the hooks.
- Do not attach labels, ribbon, etc. to the front of the piece or underneath the glass or plexiglas.
- If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the back side which side is up with arrows.